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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN INVITATION TO UNESCO EXBD TO HOLD

PORTION OF 94TH SESSION IN SOFIA

1. DEPT IS MINDFUL OF NEED TO MAKE CLEAR TO BULGARIANS THAT OUR OBJECTION TO UNESCO SPENDING SUCH SMALL AMOUNT AS DOLLARS 5,000 IN CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT INVITATION IS MOTIVATED ENTIRELY BY CONCERN FOR BASIC PRINCIPLE. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS THIS MATTER WITH BULGARIANS IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT OUR TACIT APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE BY UNESCO OF COMPARABLE AMOUNT FOR MADRID PORTION OF 89TH SESSION OF BOARD IN JUNE 1972 WAS COMPLETELY INADVERTENT; WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE ANY MEMBER GOVERNMENT OFFERING TO HOST ANY PORTION OF EXBD MEETING AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DEFRAID ALL REPEAT ALL EXTRA COSTS. PREVIOUS OMISSIONS IN APPLYING THIS

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PRINCIPLE FULLY DO NOT BIND US TO ACT SIMILARLY IN FUTURE.

2. WHEREAS IT IS TRUE THAT SUM INVOLVED IS RELATIVELY SMALL, AMOUNT WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LARGER IF A FUTURE HOST COUNTRY WERE LOCATED IN AMERICAS OR ASIA. MOREOVER, IF SUM IS SMALL FOR UNESCO TO BEAR, IT IS ALSO SMALL FOR BULGARIA. WITH THIS IN MIND, BUT MINDFUL ALSO OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT OFFENDING BULGARIANS OR IMPAIRING CURRENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS, DEPT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF PERMREP WOULD CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH HIS BULGARIAN COLLEAGUE, EXPLAIN REASONS GIVEN ABOVE FOR OUR WISH TO FIRMLY ESTABLISH PRINCIPLE THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL ENDEAVOR PAY ALL EXTRA COSTS AND REQUEST HIM TO URGE HIS GOVERNMENT TO OFFER TO PAY ALL SECRETARIAT EXPENSES. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IF GOB WERE TO AGREE TO PAY FULL EXTRA COSTS, WE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN VOTING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF BULGARIAN INVITATION.

3. PLEASE CONSULT AND REPORT RESULTS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. RUSH

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